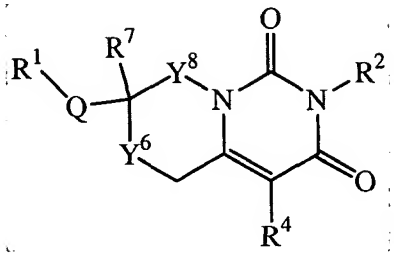
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R^1 is independently selected from:

C_5 or C_6 cycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted C_5 or C_6 cycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

C_8-C_{10} bicycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted C_8-C_{10} bicycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Naphthyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted naphthyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl;

Substituted phenyl;

Naphthyl;

Substituted naphthyl;

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl; and

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl;

R^2 is independently selected from:

H;

C_1-C_6 alkyl;

Phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Naphthyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted naphthyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl-O-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-O-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl-S-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-S-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl-S(O)-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-S(O)-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Phenyl-$S(O)_2$-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl); and

Substituted phenyl-$S(O)_2$-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Each substituted R^1 and R^2 group contains from 1 to 4 substituents, each independently on a carbon or nitrogen atom, independently selected from:

C_1-C_6 alkyl;

CN;

CF_3;

HO;

(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O;

(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-$S(O)_2$;

H_2N;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-N(H);

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)$_2$-N;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-C(O)O-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-C(O)O-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylenyl)$_m$;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylenyl)$_m$;

$H_2NS(O)_2$-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl);

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-N(H)S(O)$_2$-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)$_2$-NS(O)$_2$-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$;

3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)$_m$;

Substituted 3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)$_m$;

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)$_m$;

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)$_m$;

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-S(O)$_2$-N(H)-C(O)-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$; and

$(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl)-C(O)-N(H)-S(O)$_2$-$(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkylenyl)$_m$;

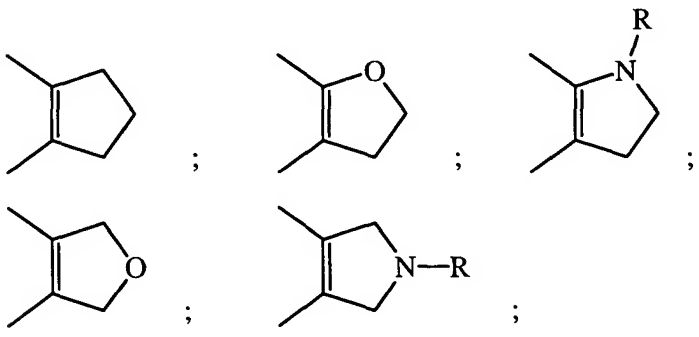
wherein each substituent on a carbon atom may further be independently selected from:

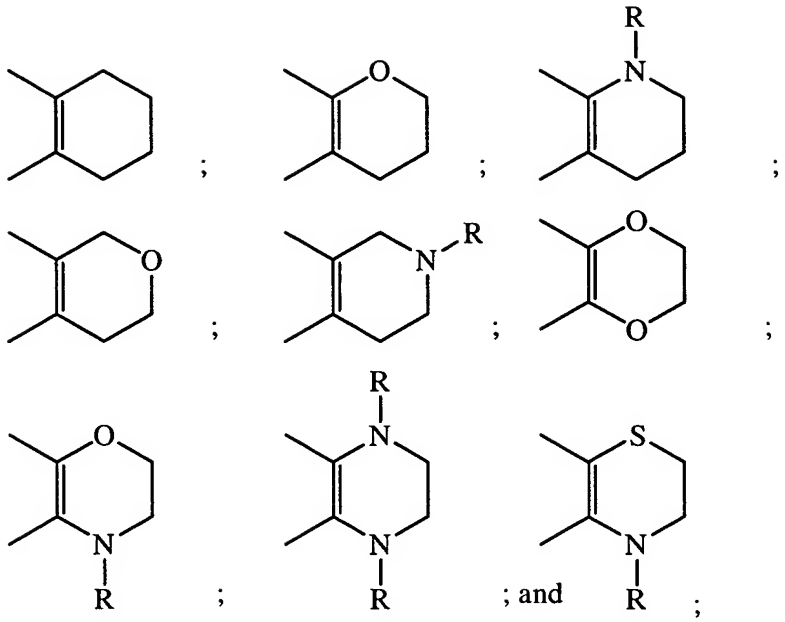
Halo; and

HO_2C;

wherein 2 substituents may be taken together with a carbon atom to which they are both bonded to form the group C=O;

wherein two adjacent, substantially sp^2 carbon atoms may be taken together with a diradical substituent to form a cyclic diradical selected from:





R is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

G is CH_2; O, S, S(O); or $S(O)_2$;

m is an integer of 0 or 1;

R^7 is independently selected from the groups:

H;

CH_3;

CH_3O;

$CH=CH_2$;

HO;

CF_3;

CN;

HC(O);

$CH_3C(O)$;

HC(NOH);

H_2N;

(CH_3)-N(H);

$(CH_3)_2$-N;

$H_2NC(O)$;

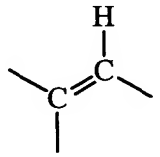
(CH_3)-N(H)C(O);

$(CH_3)_2$-NC(O);

halo; and

CO_2H;

Y^6 and Y^8 are each independently CH_2, C(O), O, S, S(O), $S(O)_2$, or $N(R^5)$; or R^7 and Y^8 may be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are both attached to form a group selected from: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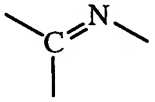
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R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from the groups:

H;

CH_3;

CH_3O;

$CH=CH_2$;

HO;

CF_3;

CN;

HC(O);

$CH_3C(O)$;

HC(NOH);

H_2N;

(CH_3)-N(H);

$(CH_3)_2$-N;

$H_2NC(O)$;

(CH_3)-N(H)C(O); and

$(CH_3)_2$-NC(O);

Q is selected from:

OC(O);

$CH(R^6)C(O)$;

$OC(NR^6)$;

$CH(R^6)C(NR^6)$;

$N(R^6)C(O)$;

$N(R^6)C(S)$;

$N(R^6)C(NR^6)$;

$N(R^6)CH_2$;

SC(O);

$CH(R^6)C(S)$;

$SC(NR^6)$;

trans-(H)C=C(H);

cis-(H)C=C(H);

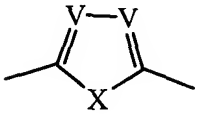
C≡C;

$CH_2C{\equiv}C$;

$C{\equiv}CCH_2$;

$CF_2C{\equiv}C$; and

$C{\equiv}CCF_2$;



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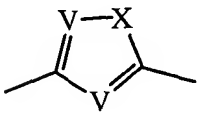

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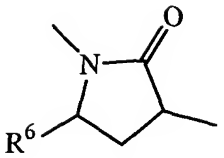

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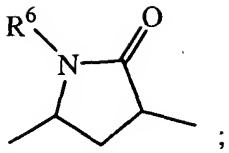

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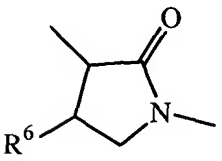

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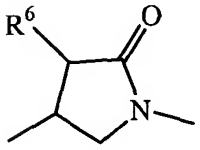

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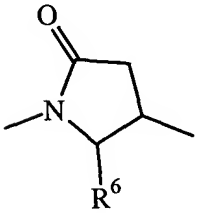

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Each R^6 independently is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; 3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

X is O, S, N(H), or N(C_1-C_6 alkyl);

Each V is independently C(H) or N;

wherein each C_8-C_{10} bicycloalkyl is a bicyclic carbocyclic ring that contains 8-, 9-, or 10-member carbon atoms which are 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-fused bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon double bond;

wherein each 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl is a bicyclic ring that contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2

O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 $S(O)_2$, 1 N, 4 N(H), and 4 N(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and wherein when two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are not bonded to each other, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond, and wherein the heterobicycloalkyl is a 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-fused bicyclic ring, respectively,

wherein each heterocycloalkyl is a ring that contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2 O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 $S(O)_2$, 1 N, 4 N(H), and 4 N(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and wherein when two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are not bonded to each other, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond;

wherein each 5-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and 4 N, and each 6-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms and 1 or 2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, N(H), and N(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and 5- and 6-membered heteroaryl are monocyclic rings;

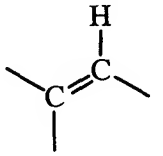
wherein each heterobiaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C_1-C_6 alkyl), and 4 N, and where the 8-, 9-, and 10-membered heterobiaryl are 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, and 6,6-fused bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein at least 1 of the 2 fused rings of a bicyclic ring is aromatic, and wherein when the O and S atoms both are present, the O and S atoms are not bonded to each other;

wherein with any (C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_2$-N group, the C_1-C_6 alkyl groups may be optionally taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl; and

wherein each group and each substituent recited above is independently selected.

2. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of Y^6 and Y^8 is independently CH_2 or $S(O)_2$.

3. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^7 and Y^8 are taken together with the carbon atom to which they are both attached to form a group selected from: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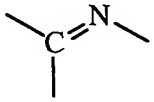
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4. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein Q is C≡C.

5. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein Q is $N(R^6)C(O)$.

6. The compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^1 is independently selected from:

Phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl);

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl); and

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl); and

R^2 is independently selected from:

Phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$;

Substituted phenyl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$;

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$;

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$;

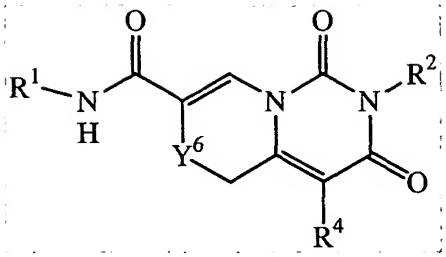
8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$; and

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C_1-C_8 alkylenyl)$_m$;

wherein m is an integer of 0 or 1; and

wherein each group and each substituent is independently selected.

7. The compound according to Claim 1 of Formula II



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8. The compound according to Claim 7 selected from:

7-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-[4-(3-Ethyl-ureido)-benzyl]-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

6-Benzyl-8-methyl-5,7-dioxo-1,2,4a,5,6,7-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(4-Cyano-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-c]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-[4-(3-Ethyl-ureido)-benzyl]-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

6-Benzyl-8-methyl-5,7-dioxo-4a,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(4-Cyano-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-[4-(3-Ethyl-ureido)-benzyl]-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

6-Benzyl-8-methyl-2,2,5,7-tetraoxo-1,2,4a,5,6,7-hexahydro-2λ^6-thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide; and

7-(4-Cyano-benzyl)-9-methyl-2,2,6,8-tetraoxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^6-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. The compound according to Claim 7 selected from:

7-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-[4-(3-Ethyl-ureido)-benzyl]-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

6-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-8-methyl-5,7-dioxo-1,2,4a,5,6,7-hexahydro-2λ^4-thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(4-Cyano-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-2λ^4-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

7-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-Benzyl-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-[4-(3-Ethyl-ureido)-benzyl]-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

7-(3,4-Difluoro-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

6-Benzyl-8-methyl-5,7-dioxo-4a,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide; and

7-(4-Cyano-benzyl)-9-methyl-6,8-dioxo-1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-pyrimido[6,1-c][1,4]thiazine-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent.

11. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 10, comprising a compound according to Claim 8 or 9, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent.

12. A method for treating osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient suffering from osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis a

nontoxic effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. The method according to Claim 12 wherein the compound of Claim 1 is a compound of Claim 8 or 9.